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HEADS UP! Time to fall back: Daylight-saving time ends this weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. Enjoy the extra sleep.

Weather > Mostly Sunny



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AIR TRAVEL | SUPERSONIC SWAN SONG



BATHING BEAUTY: Engineers clean a Concorde supersonic jet before its takeoff at London's Heathrow Airport, Thursday. Thousands were expected to gather near Heathrow on Friday to watch three Concorde make their final landings before being mothballed. ♣ **Last leg:** see page 7

An Acting Mayor's Sneaky Acts

SAN FRANCISCO | An outraged Mayor Willie Brown decided to cut short a trip to Asia on Thursday to contend with a political coup by a city supervisor who made two key appointments in the 14 hours he acted as mayor.

"It's like a father having to return home to deal with unruly children," Brown's spokesman, P.J. Johnston, said.

As mayor-for-the-day Wednesday, Supervisor Chris Daly secretly appointed and

swore in two environmentalists to the city's Public Utilities Commission, then announced the appointments on official letterhead he had drawn up for the occasion.

Less than 20 minutes later, a Brown aide told Daly, 28, that his mayoral powers had been revoked. But city attorneys said Daly's power play will be successful unless Brown can persuade at least eight of San Francisco's 11 supervisors to reject the appointees. (AP)

Feds Bust Illegals at Wal-Mart

Countrywide sweep targets billion-dollar discount store

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. | Federal agents raided Wal-Mart's headquarters and 60 of its stores across the country Thursday, arresting more than 300 illegal workers in an immigration crackdown at the world's biggest retailer.

The workers were members of cleaning crews hired by outside contractors, but federal law enforcement officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Wal-Mart had direct knowledge of the immigration violations. They cited recordings of meetings and conversations among Wal-Mart executives, managers and contractors.

"We have seen no evidence of this from the INS, and, if that turns out to be true, we will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams said.

The workers were arrested as they finished their night shifts at Wal-Mart stores in 21 states, including Virginia and Maryland. Agents also hauled away several boxes of documents from an executive's office at Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville.

An employer can face civil and criminal penalties for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants or failing to comply with certain employee recordkeeping regulations.

The arrested workers were detained at local immigration offices. Those who had no criminal record were released with instructions to appear before immigration judges.

CHUCK BARTELS (AP)

Doing Well by Doing Good: Angelina Jolie sacrifices her white wardrobe for the oppressed in "Beyond Borders"; Gwyneth Paltrow's



"Sylvia" makes the ultimate sacrifice for her art; and the latest "Scary Movie" is actually funny. **ENTERTAINMENT** | 13-14

EyeOpeners



PETER PARKS/AFP/GETTY

POLITICS

Kiss and Make Up

Madonna and Britney they're not, but two protesters outside Australia's Parliament House on Wednesday demonstrated their solution to U.S. troubles in Iraq. Nearly 1,000 people gathered outside the legislative building in Canberra to protest a visit by President Bush. Protests continued inside the building, with two senators jumping out of their seats to object to the U.S. action in Iraq. Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the president was warned he might face heckling. (EXPRESS)

CRIME

Terror on Three Wheels

A gun-toting man traveling on a tricycle allegedly tried to hijack a car in Salem, Ore., in what police termed a "bizarre" incident. Oswald Valenciano, 24, was arrested Tuesday after police responded to reports that

a man on a tricycle had been firing gunshots and had slammed into a car. After the car's driver fled, police say, Valenciano allegedly tossed away his handgun, hopped into the front seat and began driving—but then crashed into a sign post. He faces numerous felony charges. (AP)

HEARSAY | ENDANGERED

"If you're constantly being conspicuous, then you don't stand out anymore."

— **DUTCH BROADCASTER MAARTEN VAN DIJK** ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EROTIC PROGRAMMING ON TV IN THE NETHERLANDS, INCLUDING THE CANCELLATION OF HIS NETWORK'S SEX EDUCATION SERIES, "THIS IS HOW YOU SCREW."

SPORTS

Shut Down

Shutouts happen in baseball, hockey and football—but basketball? The girls basketball team from Leslie High School in Olivet, Mich., failed to score a single point in a 61-0 loss to Olivet on Tuesday night. Leslie's players missed all 24 of their shots from the field and all four foul shots. The Leslie Blackhawks, with a 0-13 record, entered the game averaging 15 points a game. (AP)

TRANSPORTATION

Jet Stream

The Philippine government press undersecretary has apologized for urinating while drunk on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's chartered jet last month, newspapers reported Wednesday. The Philippine Star daily said Heraclio "Rocky" Nazarano relieved himself near the plane's emergency exit, which he apparently mistook for a restroom. "How I wish I could deny it," Nazarano told reporters, "But it was a moment of weakness I'm really sorry about." (AP)



WHO KNEW? Kazuya Nakamoto of Nagasaki, Japan, was arrested Wednesday for allegedly prank calling the city's emergency help line as many as 1,300 times a month, the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper reported.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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A Marine stands in front of the Beirut Memorial at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., on Thursday after a candlelight service marking 20 years since the deadly bombing of the Marine Corps headquarters in Lebanon.

FBI Questions Top Bush Aides

Investigation into CIA leak extends to State, Defense Depts.

WASHINGTON | The FBI has interviewed more than three dozen Bush administration officials, including political adviser Karl Rove and press secretary Scott McClellan, in its investigation into the leak of an undercover CIA officer's identity.

The interviews have extended beyond the White House to other government agencies. The Defense and State departments and the CIA itself also are part of the probe.

The focus, however, remains on the White House, two law enforcement officials said on condition of anonymity. While the initial, informal interviews have yielded no major breaks, the FBI is satisfied that the dozen agents assigned to the probe are making progress and have not encountered any stalling tactics, the officials said Thursday.

So far, no grand jury subpoenas have been issued, they said.

Boxloads of documents have been forwarded to the FBI team,

including White House phone logs and e-mails. More documents are being produced, as the contents of individual items sometimes lead agents to request additional materials, one official said.

Investigators want to know who leaked the name of Valerie Plame, an undercover CIA officer, to syndicated columnist Robert Novak in July. Plame is married to former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, who has said he believes his wife's identity was disclosed to discredit his assertions that the Bush administration exaggerated Iraq's nuclear capabilities to build the case for war.

Leaking of classified information, such as an undercover officer's name, is a criminal offense.

Democrats repeatedly have urged Attorney General John Ashcroft to appoint a special counsel or recuse himself because of his close political ties to the White House. They also question why the Justice Department waited several days after the investigation began to ask White House staffers to preserve documents. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

After 20 Years, Beirut Scars Remain

Families, colleagues remember 241 soldiers killed in '83 bombing

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. | As a crowd milled around him early Thursday, Jeff Nashton's mind went back to a morning in Beirut 20 years earlier.

He was a Marine lance corporal assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. The day began with "a big red flash and darkness."

Nashton was lucky — he survived a terrorist truck bomb that killed 241 Marine, Navy and Army service members.

On the 20th anniversary of the attack, Nashton, of Rome, N.Y., joined hundreds of survivors, relatives and other veterans and friends to honor the victims and others who died in peacekeeping efforts in Beirut in the 1980s.

At 6 a.m. Thursday, a crowd of about 500 people gathered at the

Camp Lejeune memorial to light candles and listen as veterans and family members read the names of victims.

"It's a very sacred day," said Danny Wheeler, a Navy chaplain who was trapped for 5 1/2 hours in the barracks' rubble.

Anniversary services have been held annually at Camp Lejeune since 1986, when The Beirut Memorial was dedicated at the base gates.

JAY COHEN (AP)

HEARSAY | GAY UNIONS



"Just to put the title of marriage on it, I think that's the wrong way to go."

—BISHOP DANIEL P. REILLY OF WORCESTER, MASS. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER HE TALKED TO A STATE COMMITTEE CONSIDERING THE LEGALIZATION OF GAY MARRIAGE. HE TOLD LAWMAKERS HE AND OTHER CHURCH LEADERS WOULD SUPPORT EXTENDING SOME BENEFITS TO GAY COUPLES, BUT ARE OPPOSED TO GAY MARRIAGE.

No Ricin Contamination Found in S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. | A South Carolina postal facility was closed and tested for the poison ricin after a vial was found inside an envelope, but FBI officials said Thursday there were no signs of contamination.

FBI spokeswoman Kathleen Murphy said the investigation was continuing Thursday.

The envelope carried the type-written message "caution-Ricin-poison" on the outside, according to the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

The letter contained a warning that large amounts of ricin would be dumped into drinking reservoirs if the federal government did not change a rule requiring truck-

ers to rest after 10 hours on the road, said a senior law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Officials said it was unlikely the letter's author could carry through on that threat. Thousands of pounds of ricin would be necessary to contaminate water supplies and exposure to chemicals used in water treatment would probably render the ricin harmless. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON Senate Approves Pay Increase for Its Members

For the fifth straight year, members of Congress will see a jump in their paychecks in 2004, with election-year salaries rising from the current \$154,700 to about \$158,000. The Senate, on a 60-34 vote Thursday, rejected a proposal to exempt senators from a cost-of-

living increase going to all civilian federal workers and military personnel. Last month the House, by a similar convincing margin, also turned back an attempt to deny lawmakers an automatic share of the COLA increase. (AP)

CARSON, CALIF. Fire Kills Four Trapped in Home With Barred Windows

A house fire early Thursday killed two quadriplegic men and a couple, believed to be their caretakers,

who became trapped behind security bars that couldn't be released because furniture blocked the way. The couple apparently tried to escape through a front window after the fire blocked their door, but a release latch for the security bars was hidden by a dresser. (AP)

NEWARK, N.J. Jordanian Man Charged In \$6.8M Credit Card Fraud

A Jordanian man wanted on a murder charge in Israel admitted orga-

nizing a credit card fraud ring that netted \$6.8 million over the past seven years in the United States. Ali Qaraeen, 49, said he arranged schemes in which more than 1,000 credit card accounts were opened, quickly maxed out and paid for with bad checks. Authorities say he used dozens of aliases.

He pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court to one count of credit card fraud. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. (AP)

WASHINGTON Senate Votes to End U.S. Limits on Travel to Cuba

The Senate joined the House on Thursday in striking at the four-decade-old policy of making travel to Cuba a criminal act. The votes in the two GOP-controlled chambers came despite a White House warning that the president would be advised to veto the bill if it includes the Cuba provision. The legislation contains vital money for law enforcement and anti-terrorism efforts. (AP)

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Nation

Statehouse Show-and-Tell

Gov. Davis says there's no ill will as he meets with Schwarzenegger

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | California Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger sat down Thursday with the man he'll be replacing, and said in a joint news conference that they were working well together and had started "a great relationship."

The Republican said there were no hard feelings between himself and Democratic Gov. Gray Davis lingering from the Oct. 7 recall election. Schwarzenegger said Thursday that Davis had given him some good pointers already.

"He's going to show me the ropes. He's going to give me some of the inside information here," he said.

Davis said he would "do my very best to help Gov.-elect Schwarzenegger be a success, because I love this state."

During his first official visit to the Capitol on Wednesday,



California Gov. Gray Davis jokes with Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger as the two met Thursday for the first time since the Oct. 7 recall election that ousted Davis.

Schwarzenegger pledged "action, action, action, action" in the statehouse as he picked a chief of staff, Patricia Clarey.

He also announced his plan to call lawmakers back in a special

session soon after he's sworn into office. JIM WASSERMAN (AP)

A tale of two governors: More on the Davis-Schwarzenegger meeting and the actor-turned-politician's plans for the state | Today's Washington Post, A Section.

Wash. Residents Clean Up as Waters Recede

HAMILTON, WASH. | Only two of the 10 rivers that washed away homes in western Washington remained over flood stage Thursday as residents started mopping up the mess.

The Skagit and Skokomish rivers were expected to be back within their banks by late in the day, and only scattered rain and fog was forecast.

At least eight homes and three cabins were swept away during heavy rain Monday and early Tuesday. Storms late last week had saturated the soil and caused an earlier round of flooding along several rivers.

The worst damage was upstream. In Concrete, the Skagit crested at a record 42.2 feet — more than 14 feet above flood stage.

Volunteers placed 50,000 to 75,000 sandbags in Mount Vernon to help limit the damage there.

Gov. Gary Locke added four counties to the previous three where states of emergency had been declared. Damage assessment was just beginning. Seattle-Tacoma International Airport logged a record 5.2 inches of rain Monday.

MARK BRYANT (AP)



Tim Hanby and his wife Sandie Glenn paddle past a neighbor's house in Hamilton, Wash., on Thursday as they prepare to assess flood damage to their own home.



Jones speaks to a television crew after his release from jail on Thursday.

Falls Survivor Released, Ordered To Leave Canada

ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO | A Canadian judge on Thursday agreed to release a U.S. citizen who survived a plunge over Niagara Falls and ordered him to stay out of Canada except for court appearances.

Kirk Jones, 40, of Canton, Mich. left custody after his brother posted \$760 bail. He is the only person known to have survived a plunge over the falls without a safety device.

Jones has said despair led him to go over the falls. Police, however, said Jones was performing a stunt and arrested him after he was released from a hospital Wednesday. (AP)

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World

In Madrid, Pledges Trickle in for Iraq

Countries that opposed war remain reluctant to bear rebuilding cost

MADRID, SPAIN | International donors were lining up to announce millions, though not billions, in pledges for Iraq after hearing dire accounts on Thursday of hungry children, hordes of squatters and angry men prone to terrorism.

But as a two-day conference on rebuilding Iraq began, organizers again declined to say how much might be raised toward the \$36 billion the World Bank says it needs.

A senior European official reminded the United States that countries that opposed the war are hardly eager to pick up the bill. "You cannot expect European taxpayers ... to feel terribly enthusiastic about spending a large amount of money in Iraq," EU External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten said.

So far, Japan has pledged \$1.5 billion for 2004, South Korea has agreed to \$200 million, and Canada, \$150 million. Spain pledged \$300 million, Britain \$439 million. Smaller pledges came Thursday from Sweden, Belgium and the Philippines. (AP)

The brides return to Baghdad: Foreign correspondent Karl Vick reports that the raucous wedding tradition has finally returned to Iraq. Today's Post: Section A

HUNGARY | FACING HISTORY



REFLECTION: People in Budapest look at a photo display with portraits of victims of the 1956 uprising against Hungary's communist regime. Thursday was the 47th anniversary of the failed revolution, after which more than 200 people were executed and 20,000 imprisoned when the Soviet army restored control.

Separatists Want Pakistan Involved In Kashmir Talks

SRINAGAR, INDIA | India's offer to hold talks with Kashmiri separatists won their quick approval Thursday, but the activists said they also want to discuss the dispute with Pakistan.

India is opposed to three-way talks involving Kashmiri separatists and Pakistan. Both India and Pakistan claim all of Kashmir, which is divided by a cease-fire line.

If talks are held, they would constitute the first high-level contact between the secessionist leaders and the Indian government.

The guerrillas have been fighting since 1989 to join Pakistan or make Kashmir independent. The conflict has killed 63,000 people. (AP)

In Brief

FRANCE

British 'Madam' Sentenced To Four Years in Prison

A French court on Thursday convicted a British woman of running an international ring of high-priced prostitutes and sentenced her to four years in prison. Margaret MacDonald's lawyer said he would file an appeal. The prosecution contended that MacDonald ran a ring

of some 500 call girls and 50 male prostitutes, and charged clients about \$1,170 an hour. She earned about \$23,400 a month, according to prosecutors. (AP)

JAPAN

Twins Denied Citizenship Due to American Surrogate

Japan has refused to grant citizenship to a Japanese couple's twins because an American surrogate mother gave birth to them, officials said Thursday. Surrogate

births are virtually nonexistent in Japan, where the practice is frowned upon and the government wants to outlaw it. (AP)

EGYPT

Writer Refuses Award Given By Egyptian Government

A respected Egyptian writer stunned a pan-Arab literary gathering by rejecting an award worth about \$16,000 from the Egyptian Culture Ministry, saying it came from "a government that does not

have credibility." Sonallah Ibrahim, a Marxist who is seen as a master of satire, was declared Novelist of the Year at the annual Arab Novelists Assembly in Cairo on Wednesday night. In his statement refusing the award, Ibrahim criticized Arab governments for what he called their oppressive regimes and their "collaboration" with the American occupation of Iraq. Ibrahim, who was once imprisoned in Egypt for his communist activities, won the award for his collected works. (AP)

GERMANY

Major Train Hub Evacuated After WWII Bomb Discovered

Authorities evacuated a major train station in Berlin Thursday as workers defused a World War II bomb discovered a block from the U.S. Embassy. The 550-pound American bomb was found by construction workers building a public square. Thousands of World War II-era bombs are found each year, but only 15 or so weigh 550 pounds or more, a police official said. (AP)

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World

Key Data Missing From Iran Dossier

Fails to explain where traces of weapons-grade uranium originated

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Iran gave the U.N. nuclear watchdog a dossier meant to dispel fears it is trying to make atomic bombs, but a Tehran envoy acknowledged Thursday the files omitted key information about a bomb-making ingredient found in the country.

Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's chief delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, suggested that the dossier did not specify the origin of traces of highly enriched weapons-grade uranium found in his country by agency experts.

Iran insists the traces, found in environmental samples, were inadvertently imported on equipment meant to generate electricity and says it does not know where the equipment originated because it was purchased through third parties.



ElBaradei

IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei has called the discovery of the weapons-grade uranium the most troubling aspect of Tehran's nuclear activities, and diplomats recently said on condition of anonymity that Iran was expected to explain the origin of those traces.

GEORGE JAHN (AP)

GREECE | SIGHTS AND SMELLS



PILE-UP: A woman walks her dog past a pile of rubbish in Athens on Thursday. Garbage is piling up on the streets after rubbish collectors went on strike for the third day, demanding improved work contracts.

London Set for Concorde's Final Flight

LONDON | British Airways' last Concorde flight for fare-paying passengers took off for New York on Thursday, a day before scheduled supersonic service ends for good.

Both Thursday's London-New York flight and Friday's final trans-Atlantic return are expected to be full, but Friday's passengers will all be invited guests of the airline.

Airport authorities asked people

not to go to Heathrow Friday for the finale, fearing traffic gridlock in the area west of London. Hundreds of police will be on duty around the airport's perimeter and parking will be strictly barred.

British Airways' announcement last April that it was retiring its seven Concorde spurred an outpouring of affection for the sleek needle-nosed jet. (AP)

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Region

Judge Refuses to Delay Malvo Trial

'This really is almost an unstoppable train,' Va. judge says of case

FAIRFAX, VA. | A judge on Thursday rejected a prosecution request to delay the trial of sniper shooting suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

"This really is almost an unstoppable train at this point," said Fairfax Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush.

Prosecutors asked Wednesday that the trial be postponed for a month to Dec. 10, in part so the prosecution's mental health expert had time to examine Malvo.

Malvo's attorneys gave notice earlier this month that they plan to present an insanity defense, and Commonwealth's Attorney



Teenager Lee Boyd Malvo will stand trial next month as originally scheduled.

Robert F. Horan Jr. said in a motion Wednesday that the state's mental health expert needed 30 days from Nov. 10 to evaluate Malvo.

The defense argued that prosecutors had three months to hire an expert witness and that the defense theory of indoctrination of Malvo by fellow sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad was nothing new to the

CASE. ADRIENNE SCHWISOW (AP)

Power Outage Stalls Muhammad Trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | An electrical outage forced a halt Thursday in the trial of sniper shooting suspect John Allen Muhammad.

Paula Miller, sheriff's spokeswoman, said a transformer failed, knocking out power.

"The transformer is blown. It's going to be an all-day, all-night repair," Miller told reporters.

"They don't know what caused

it," she said. "They have to literally dig it up and replace the transformer."

Court administrator Mike Davy said the power outage occurred between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Miller said the outage posed no security risks at the court-

house, where most proceedings for Thursday were canceled.

Chuck Penn, a spokesman for Dominion Virginia Power, said the utility was confident power would be back up by 6 a.m. Friday. Court was to resume Friday at 9:30 a.m. EDT. SONJA BARISIC (AP)

Back to work: Tamara Jones has up-to-minute reports on John Allen Muhammad's trial, which was scheduled to resume on Friday | washingtonpost.com/metro

Caller Awaits Sniper Reward Money

MYERSVILLE, MD. | The first 911 call failed for lack of a strong cellular signal. So did the second.

At last, Whitney Donahue got a connection and told police that a dark blue Chevrolet Caprice linked to the Washington-area sniper shootings was at a highway rest stop in western Maryland.

His persistence that night a year ago Friday led to the arrests of two

suspects. But it hasn't paid off in reward money, which authorities say won't be distributed until the trials of John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo are over.

Donahue may be in line for the \$500,000 reward but "in all likelihood it will go to more than one person," said Donna Bigler, a spokeswoman for Montgomery County. Other possible beneficiaries include

two truckers who blocked the exit ramps of the Interstate 70 rest stop, and Robert Holmes of Tacoma, Wash., who called the FBI saying he thought Muhammad was the sniper.

Donahue refused recent interview requests from The Associated Press on the advice of sniper prosecutors. DAVID DISHNEAU (AP)



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Md. Serial Rapist Sentenced to Two Life Terms

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A serial rapist who terrorized women in a Prince George's County community was sentenced Thursday to two life prison terms, plus 60 years.

Canden Jovan Duncan, 22, lived within walking distance of his three victims in Upper Marlboro, Md. Prosecutors said he was a student at Prince George's Community College and had applied to be a county police officer.

Duncan was stopped by police on March 27 because he matched the description of the suspect. (AP)

TRAVEL | ROAD LESS TRAVELED



HUMP DAY: Gaithersburg residents and students walk behind two camels during Thursday's Friendship Caravan, which promoted Arab-U.S. unity.

Brentwood Safety Is Not A Certainty, Officials Say

WASHINGTON | Federal officials admitted Thursday it is impossible to say with 100 percent certainty that workers returning to an anthrax tainted U.S. Postal Service facility will face no risks.

The Brentwood sorting and distribution plant in Northeast Washington was closed and sealed Oct. 21, 2001, after two employees died after coming in contact with anthrax-tainted letters destined for the offices of two U.S. senators.

"The postal service cannot assert that the building is 100 percent free of anthrax contamination," Bernard L. Ungar, the General Accounting Office physical infrastructure director, told a hearing Thursday of the House Committee on Government Reform.

The Washington postal facility has been decontaminated and is undergoing a total renovation following the 2001 Anthrax scare.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Construction, Race Alter Metro Hours

WASHINGTON | Metro said Thursday trains on the Blue and Yellow lines will be operating on a single track between the Braddock Road and

Pentagon City stations on Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., causing minor delays, while workers install extended canopies over

the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport station. On Sunday, the rail will open an hour earlier — at 6 a.m. — to accommodate the U.S. Marine Corps Marathon. (EXPRESS)

Johnson Has New Hospital Proposal

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson proposed on Thursday a \$30 million, five-year bailout of a financially ailing hospital that serves many of the Maryland

county's poor residents.

The proposal, which would require approval from the county council, is one of several designed to rescue the hospital from closure. (AP)

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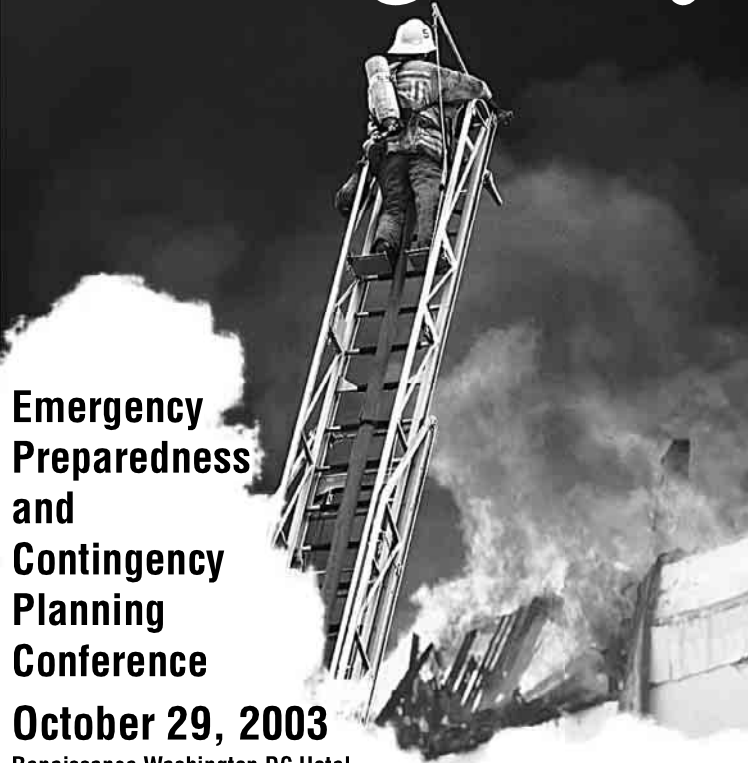
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Money

Ex-Freddie Mac Official Cuts Deal

WASHINGTON | The ousted president of Freddie Mac is paying a \$125,000 civil penalty and providing information in a federal investigation of the mortgage giant's \$4.5 billion accounting debacle.

David Glenn is barred from working for Freddie Mac or larger rival Fannie Mae under the consent agreement he signed with the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. The two government-sponsored yet publicly traded companies are the biggest players in the multitrillion-dollar home mortgage market.

The head of the agency, Armando Falcon, said Thursday its investigation would be extended to take account of new information from Glenn.

Glenn did not admit or deny any wrongdoing in Wednesday's agreement.

Freddie Mac's president since 1990, Glenn was fired in June for failing to cooperate with an internal accounting review. Turmoil at the company has also brought investigations by the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission. MARCY GORDON (AP)

In Brief

TECHNOLOGY

Merger of Debit Companies Targeted by Justice Dept.

The Justice Department filed suit Thursday to block the \$7.3 billion acquisition of Concord EFS Inc. by First Data Corp., contending the deal would substantially reduce competition in the electronic financial transaction industry. Concord and First Data own two of the major personal identification number networks — STAR and NYCE, respectively — that allow consumers to use debit cards at banks, stores and other businesses. The companies said they would defend the merger. (AP)

FINANCE

Social Security Projections Should Change, Panel Says

The government should change how it projects Social Security's future finances by assuming significant increases in immigration, longer life expectancies and lower inflation, an advisory panel said Thursday. If adopted, the system's projected 75-year deficit would rise by \$200 billion to \$3.7 trillion, according to a report by a panel appointed to review methods now used to project Social Security's future financial status.

The system faces financial problems as the baby boom generation starts retiring in five years, while there are fewer workers to pay Social Security taxes. (AP)

Jurors Don't Expect Verdict In Banker Trial

NEW YORK | Jurors in the obstruction-of-justice trial of former star technology banker Frank Quattrone told the judge on Thursday they do not expect to reach a verdict, raising the specter of a mistrial.

The notice came in a note from jurors to U.S. District Judge Richard Owen. Spokesmen for the defense and federal prosecutors confirmed its contents.

The jury is weighing Quattrone's



Quattrone, left, outside the courthouse Thursday with attorney John W. Keker.

intent when he urged employees at Credit Suisse First Boston in 2000 to "catch up on file cleanup" by destroying files, allegedly obstructing investigations into the bank. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Aztar	22.25	+2.94	+15.2
Gettym	41.49	+5.04	+13.8
Solutia	2.40	+0.26	+12.1
Weider	4.00	+0.41	+11.4
ChmpE	7.57	+0.74	+10.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ActPerf	20.25	-6.07	-23.1
ConcEFS	11.00	-2.58	-19.0
SprntPCS	4.41	-.91	-17.1
Celestic g	13.75	-2.73	-16.6
NetwkAsc	13.18	-2.15	-14.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CrownFn	2.87	+.85	+42.0
TheraSen	16.82	+4.30	+34.3
Innovative	4.21	+.91	+27.6
PegasCm rs	17.50	+3.75	+27.3
CarrAcc	10.07	+1.93	+23.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Macrmidia	17.58	-9.55	-35.2
HarrisInt	6.68	-2.27	-25.4
OckLogic	4.87	-1.56	-24.3
SafeNet	31.38	-9.64	-23.5
AlloyInc	4.14	-1.15	-21.7

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.91
2-year	1.81	1.94
10-year	4.32	4.46
30-year	5.20	5.31

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5899	.5908	.6461
Canadian Dollar	1.3083	1.3038	1.5654
European Euro	.8485	.8468	1.0240
Japanese Yen	109.61	108.92	124.63
Mexican Peso	11.1840	11.2510	9.9365
Taiwanese Dollar	33.95	34.00	34.76

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+14.89	-12.56	+3.41
+0.16	-0.66	+0.33
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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	78.31	+3.46	+35.9
AstraZen	48.90	+2.53	+39.4
BarrLab s	74.11	+.47	+70.8
Biovail	27.10	-.50	+2.6
BrMySq	25.10	+.85	+8.4
ForestLb s	50.50	+.83	+2.8
JohnJn	50.30	+.39	-6.3
KingPhrm	15.80	+.31	-8.1
LillyEli	65.10	+4.32	+2.5
Merck	45.50	-.22	-15.1
Mylan s	27.61	+.21	+78.0
Pfizer	31.01	+.39	+1.4
SchergPI	15.15	+.03	-31.8
WatsonPh	40.41	+.30	+42.9
Wyeth	44.00	+.70	+17.6

Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | FANNING THE FLAMES



BOB GAY/THE DOMINION-POST/AP

'EXCESSIVE CELEBRATION': West Virginia University officials are investigating fans who set fires to celebrate the Mountaineers' defeat of No. 3 Virginia Tech Wednesday night. About 90 fires were set early Thursday in Morgantown.

Bryant's Lawyers
Attacked for Leaks

DENVER | Prosecutors in Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case on Thursday accused defense attorneys of leaking sealed details to the media and asked a judge to consider punishing the defense team.

In a court filing, District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said retired state District Judge William Jones learned of sealed information from defense attorney Hal Haddon and gave it to a reporter for the New York Daily News, which ran a story quoting Jones on Oct. 11.

The details — that another man's semen was found in underwear worn by Bryant's accuser

— had not yet been brought up in Bryant's preliminary hearing.

Hurlbert also cited the defense's repeated use of the accuser's name during the hearing and its questioning of the woman's sexual history, which is normally kept secret under Colorado's rape shield law.

The Los Angeles Lakers' guard is due in court Nov. 10 for his initial appearance, during which he will be advised of the sexual assault charge against him and could enter a plea. **JON SANCHE (AP)**



Bryant

In Brief

PRO BASEBALL

Yankees Bench Soriano

Slumping second baseman Alfonso Soriano was benched by New York Yankees manager Joe Torre for Game 5 of the World Series in a major lineup shakeup Thursday

night. Derek Jeter moved into the leadoff spot for Soriano, and Enrique Wilson took over in the field for the two-time All-Star starter. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virginia Tech Won't Punish Beamer for Slapping Player

Virginia Tech Athletic Director Jim Weaver said Thursday he doesn't

expect to discipline football coach Frank Beamer for slapping a player on the helmet during the Hokies' 28-7 loss to West Virginia. "The administration and I agree that this single incident is not reflective of how Frank has conducted business throughout his coaching career," Weaver said in a statement. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Yao Jumps to Reebok

Reebok International Ltd. has signed Houston Rockets center Yao Ming to a multiyear marketing deal after his endorsement contract with Nike expired. Yao will help market Reebok in his native China through print and television ads and promotional appearances. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WAC Adds Two Schools

Utah State and New Mexico State University will join the Western Athletic Conference in 2005. In a release Thursday, WAC officials said the two schools had decided to leave the Sun Belt Conference. Last week, WAC lost Rice, Tulsa and SMU to Conference USA. (AP)

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Sports

Old Memories Haunt Marlins Fans

Finances could force owner to trade away players in offseason

WORLD SERIES | Florida Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria stood in front of the dugout, savoring the anticipation of a World Series game as he watched spectators filling seats long empty.

Then one hollered to him. "Don't do another Huizenga!" When the World Series ends, Loria will be forced to confront the subject they raised.

Keeping this year's National League champions intact will likely cost more than Loria's willing to spend, but any significant roster purge would evoke painful memories of Wayne Huizenga dismantling Florida after the 1997 World Series.

Budget constraints may make it difficult to re-sign Ivan Rodriguez, Luis Castillo and Ugueth Urbina. Several others are eligible for salary arbitration, and might be traded.

If most of those players depart, fan backlash could be as severe as in 1998. STEVEN WINE (AP)



Jeffrey Loria and Marlins manager Jack McKeon embrace after the NLCS.

Tie-breaker: For results and complete coverage of Game 5 of the World Series | washingtonpost.com/sports

New Quarterback Studying Offense

PRO FOOTBALL | On his first full day as the Washington Redskins' backup quarterback Tim Hasselbeck got a heavy dose of Spurrierese.

"I think the biggest adjustment when you get into a new offense is the terminology's different. There's a lot of plays run here that are run in San Francisco, Seattle or St. Louis, but they're called different things. It's like learning another language," Hasselbeck said. (AP)

Weekend's TV Lineup

HORSE RACING (1 p.m. Saturday on NBC) The Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif.

PRO BASEBALL (7:30 p.m. Saturday on Fox) The World Series returns to Yankee Stadium for Game 6.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7 p.m. Saturday on TBS)

No. 1 Oklahoma travels to Colorado.

PRO FOOTBALL (1 p.m. Sunday on Fox) The surprising Dallas Cowboys visit the up-and-down Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

PRO FOOTBALL (8:30 p.m. Sunday on ESPN) The undefeated Kansas City Chiefs host the Buffalo Bills.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF GAMES IN THE NFL

- **NY Giants** at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
- **Cleveland** at New England, 1 p.m.
- **Carolina** at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
- **Dallas** at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
- **Tennessee** at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
- **Denver** at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
- **Detroit** at Chicago, 1 p.m.
- **Seattle** at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
- **St. Louis** at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
- **San Francisco** at Arizona, 4 p.m.
- **Houston** at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
- **NY Jets** at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
- **Buffalo** at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
- **Miami** at San Diego, 9 p.m. Monday

Greece Will Fight Doping at Olympics

OLYMPICS | IOC officials were assured Thursday that the Greek government is committed to anti-doping efforts following the disclosure of a new steroid.

Culture Minister Evangelos

Venizelos told chief International Olympic Committee inspector Denis Oswald that Greece is an "active member" of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

On Wednesday, Greece's

Amateur Athletics Association ordered the re-examination of athletes' samples to test for tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG.

Athens organizing committee sources said the IOC and WADA will draw up a list of drugs that will be banned from the country. (AP)

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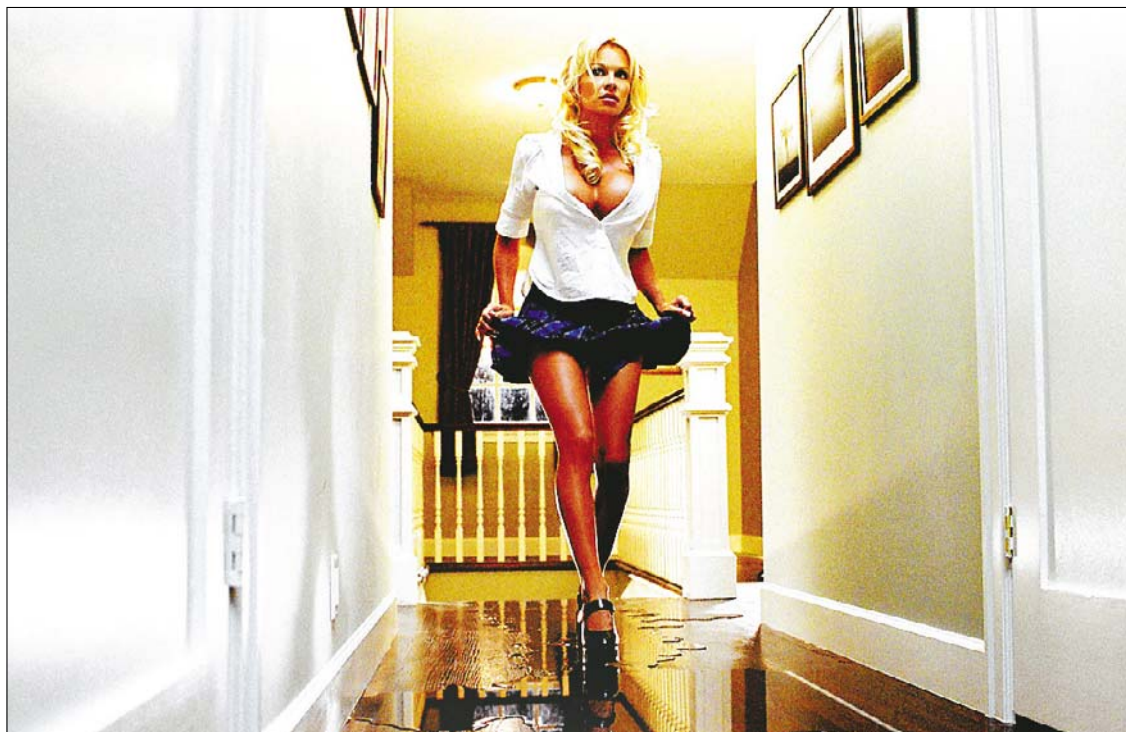
Sendups & Screams

The 'Scary Movie' franchise finally gets the formula right

FILM | "Scary Movie 3" is thankfully a sequel in title only. The first entry was an amusing send-up of Dimension Films' "Scream" movies, but the second was a gross-out comedy that was more gross than funny.

For this one, Dimension brought in spoof-master David Zucker ("Airplane!," etc.) to direct and his frequent collaborators Craig Mazin and Pat Proft to write the script. The result features lots of knockabout physical comedy in its wacky satire of popular pictures like "The Ring," "Signs," "The Matrix Reloaded," "8 Mile," "The Others" and more. The result is consistently entertaining and frequently hilarious, the violence of the slapstick so cartoonish that it does not spoil the fun.

The only star of the first two in the "Scary Movie" series retained for the third is Anna Faris, and what a smart move that was. Her Barbie-doll looks are perfect for playing a Washington, D.C., airhead TV reporter looking for a hard-news



BOUNCING TOWARD ARMEGEDDON: Pamela Anderson gives her lungs a workout as a scream queen in "Scary Movie 3."

story to promote during sweeps — only to come up with a deluge of alien invaders, killer videotapes, mysterious crop circles and more, all imaginatively interconnected.

It's not necessary to have seen all the movies spoofed to enjoy "Scary

Movie 3," but the more one has seen, the merrier the effect. For example, Charlie Sheen is the beleaguered farmer whose cornfields are suddenly afflicted by ominous crop circles.

Simon Rex plays Sheen's broth-

er, a wannabe rapper who actually scores at a black D.C. club. Rex's decidedly dim George becomes a romantic foil to Faris's Cindy, who is raising her nephew, a child with eerie psychic powers. KEVIN THOMAS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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PHILBY AND MCLEAN: two for the red.

But first "Spies" focuses on their youthful recruitment in a beautifully shot series premiere that unfolds like "Brideshead Revisited" meets "The Third Man," with a dash of a Ralph Lauren fashion spread thrown in for good measure. Over the course of five episodes, "Spies" will follow them from their decision to join the Communist cause in 1934, through their infiltration of the British establishment at the highest levels, to their discovery and defection to Moscow in 1951. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

The Places You'll Go

FILM | The last thing Angelina Jolie needed to revive her fatigued career was another snoozer.

Labor of love that it may have been, Jolie's "Beyond Borders" generally is beyond boredom, intended as a sweeping love affair between humanitarian-aid workers but in reality a preachy melodrama that devolves from monotony to absurdity.

Like Jolie's Lara Croft, her globe-trotting character here tramps

through deserts and jungles with nary a mussed hair.

Co-star Clive Owen is cast as a hard-nosed, anything-for-the-cause crusader, whose merciless cynicism quickly melts to puppy love with a few batings of Jolie's eyes.

And like Richard Attenborough's "Cry Freedom," in which the story of South African activist Steve Biko takes a back seat to the getaway of his white pal, "Beyond Borders" diminishes the plight of refugees



You can run from your fading career, Angelina, but you can't hide.

FRANCOIS DUHAMEL/PARAMOUNT/IMMAGINE

in favor of a pair of self-absorbed do-gooders with hot pants.

Director Martin Campbell, who took over "Beyond Borders" after Oliver Stone opted out, aims for a doomed romance but delivers little more than a soap opera with exotically bleak locations.

Through it all, the victims and aid workers to whom the movie is dedicated gradually become marginalized, until all that's left on screen is the egocentric romance of two little people whose problems don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's *Washington Post* Weekend section.

Love Is a Battlefield: Pretty do-gooders in love — not the oppressed people they vow to save — are the focus of a well-meaning but flat "Beyond Borders." Jen Chaney reviews.

Turkey Day: A darkly comic indie in which a family black sheep scrambles to serve Thanksgiving dinner to her bitter, dying mother is a holiday treat. Desson Howe reviews "Pieces of April."

Shot on Location: Forget chainsaws and "scary" spoofs — the year's most horrifying movie is a fictional video diary about a school shooting. Curt Fields reviews "Zero Day."



HEADS UP: The Great Gurus of Got Plans? will be back in Express next Friday, Oct. 31. In the meantime, read this week's chat transcript at washingtonpost.com/gotplans.

Entertainment

Go, Speed Racer

The racing game 'F-Zero GX' breezes away with the gold

VIDEO GAMES | What will racing be like in the 22nd century?

Well, oil will be just a greasy memory, so no more NASCAR. One possible alternative is dazzlingly displayed in "F-Zero GX," from Amusement Vision and Nintendo for the GameCube: rocket-powered cars, lifted from the track by antigravity, speeding at hundreds of miles an hour along tracks that soar and drop amid vast, futurist landscapes.

A full field of racers is launched at the starting gun, and speeds immediately blast into triple digits. The tracks twist and turn, sending you careening along as landmarks blast by almost too fast to see.

Standing on the accelerator gets you slammed into walls; you have to blend speed with finesse as you make dozens of decisions a lap —



Finally, it's those rocket-powered flying vehicles "The Jetsons" promised us.

where to trigger your boost, which jacks your speed into the supersonic but adds new control problems. Using the booster adds a whole new level to both the speed and control of the car. Use it wisely, as it sucks the life out of your shields, which protect your car from damage when it hits railings or other barriers, or when you come under attack from other drivers.

To add to the fun, there are scads of ways to customize your car, and each track is different. Some feature breaks in the track, which drop you hundreds of feet through space.

Things happen so quickly that you have little time to react to turns and barriers — running each track until you know how it twists and turns is the secret to placing well.

If you don't get hooked after the first race, go back to golf.

This is an exciting step up in futuristic racing, and with dozens of features and options to explore, it will keep you busy for weeks.

WILLIAM SCHIFFMANN (AP)

Death Becomes Her

FILM | No disrespect intended, but you may never be happier to see a lead character carted out of her home feet first than you will with "Sylvia."

"Sylvia," with Gwyneth Paltrow in the title role of the suicidal poet Sylvia Plath, presents a woman so unswervingly bound for death by her own hand that her terrible journey ends up feeling monotonous and her actual suicide anti-climatic.

No one expects a trip to Disney World in a biopic about Plath. But there has to be more to the woman than the relentless gloom and single-minded devotion to self-annihilation presented by director Christine Jeffs.

Only early on, with Plath's whirlwind romance and marriage in 1956 to future British poet laureate Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig), does "Sylvia" rise above a suicide watch. Here, Paltrow and Craig capture moments of passion — and the few signs of a poet's soul "Sylvia" possesses — as they engage in speed recitations with friends or float by boat along a stream, with Plath calling lines of Chaucer in Middle English to cows



DESTINED FOR DARKNESS: Paltrow's Plath is a showy, ultimately empty role.

on the bank.

Plath and Hughes's relationship soured amid his philandering, her depression and her jealousy over his early publishing success.

But John Brownlow's screenplay leaves viewers to conclude that was all there was to the marriage. "Sylvia" mostly settles for giving Paltrow showy, let's-win-Gwyneth-another-Oscar moments to rail against Hughes or play the moody emotional martyr in introspective moments.

The filmmakers seem to think Plath is such a poster-poet for depression that they needn't bother to explore the causes of her pain. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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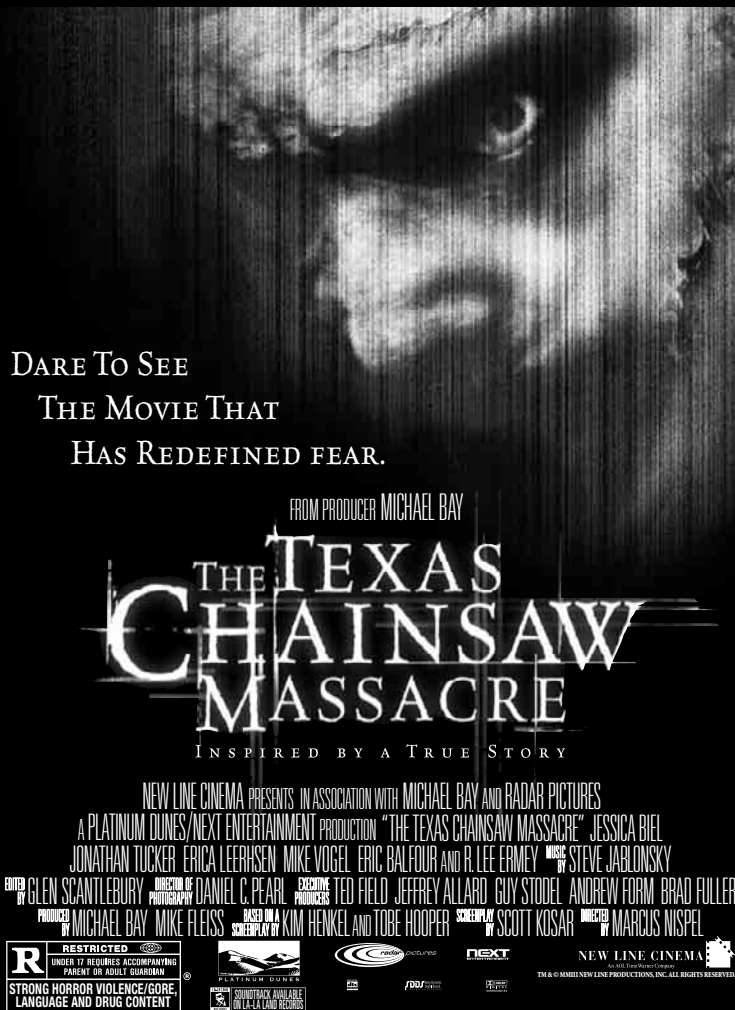
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What are your thoughts on conversion properties — apartments that are slightly upgraded and sold as condos?

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We just had our offer accepted and are in final post-inspection negotiations for a new home. We will not close until January at the earliest. Is there any protection for the

period from inspection to closing? What happens if the pipes burst in the first freeze in December?

Look at the language in your contract. My impression is that if the pipes freeze in December and you haven't closed yet, they need to fix that, i.e. the place needs to be in the same shape as when you put your contract in. But check with a lawyer if you're worried about this.

Do more homes tend to be listed after the holidays or before?

The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's tends to be slow in terms of listings because many people don't want to be bothered with trying to sell a house during the holidays. But as an agent once said to me, do you want to be the only pretty girl at a dance? Or one of hundreds? So there are sellers that opt to sell during that period. There are fewer buyers about, too.

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Thursday, October 23

Cradle of Man

by Melanie Marnich / directed by Howard Shalwitz
Jealousy, love, fear and desire are discovered in the midst of an archaeological expedition in Africa.

Friday, October 24

Spin Moves

by Ken Weitzman / directed by Wendy C. Goldberg
A young Bosnian girl uses her desire to play basketball to come into her own.

Saturday, October 25

Stories from Jonestown and the Peoples Temple

by Leigh Fondakowski and Greg Pierotti, Stephen Wanhg, and Margo Hall / directed by Leigh Fondakowski
Twenty-five years after a devastating event, a community struggles with the past, present and future.

**All readings are at 8pm
in Arena Stage's Old Vat Room.
All tickets are just \$5! (plus applicable fees)**

Support for *downstairs* and Arena Stage's new play development initiatives is provided in part by the Wallace Foundation; The Leading National Theatres Program, a joint initiative of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; and the Educational Foundation of America.



molly smith, artistic director

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'Queer Eye' Homes Mostly Stay Fab

DECOR | "Bad taste kills," scrawled flamboyant fashionista Carson Kressley on a door during a recent episode of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Which poses the question: Can it be cured?

Since its July debut on Bravo, "Queer Eye" has plied make-overs on many style-challenged straight men. But what happens to the "Queer Eye" Cinderfellas once their fairy godmothers have left the building?

If anyone makes a case against "Queer Eye" recidivism, it's Adam Zalta, father of three and star of "A Great Mess in Great Neck."

"It's a Toys 'R' Us crack den!" exclaimed interior designer Thom



POST-GAY: The Fab 5's straight subjects keep the faith after their saviors depart.

Filicia when he first glimpsed the family's toy-strewn living room.

Then the Fab 5 descended on the tousled Long Island home, stuffing all the toys into the basement, redoing the red-carpeted living room and artfully repainting the built-in bookshelves. The peeling kitchen floor was patched with tiles borrowed from under the refrigerator; tone-on-tone corkboard tiles covered the kitchen's "Where the Wild Things Are" wallpaper.

Six months later, Zalta is still stylin'. "Ninety-five percent of the stuff, we've kept up," he says. And social pressure ensures at least a minimal adherence to Fab 5 standards: People Zalta's never met ask

mutual friends to drive them over to see the living room.

Another alum, Vincent Taylor of the Bronx, had more stuff than his apartment could accommodate. So the Fab 5 spirited off all the excess to a storage center.

"A lot of it we didn't need," Taylor admits, adding that he and his wife threw out 45 bags of rejects from storage. Some things he couldn't part with — like the sound equipment parked on a handtruck in the corner of the master bedroom — have re-infiltrated.

And life with two kids means that the kitchen table might be strewn with papers and the bathroom shelves outfitted with nonapproved grooming products. But the Fab 5's sleek design and fashion tips have stuck — largely because they work, says Taylor. DENISE FLAIM (NEWSDAY)

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A Universal Explanation

Scientist Brian Greene unknots the string theory for us lay folk

SCIENCE | What could account for how the universe ticks? Could it be love? Money? Or, maybe, infinitesimal quivering strands whose vibration patterns define all the universe's forces and matter?

That last one is the now-in-vogue Theory of Everything, otherwise known as string theory. And now Brian Greene, long absorbed in the quest to tie up all its loose ends, has tackled a challenge almost as impressive: He helps viewers understand what string theory is.

One of the world's leading physicists, Greene untangles strings in a mind-expanding "NOVA" called "The Elegant Universe," based on his 1999 best seller of the same title. It airs on PBS Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m.

For years a vegan, Greene is lunching on salad at a restaurant near Columbia University, where he works, as he speaks of mysteries beyond mortal grasp — or are they?

The first moments of "The Elegant Universe" find Greene at the front door of the Princeton, N.J., house where Albert Einstein lived and worked. And where, with Einstein's passing a half-century ago, he left unfulfilled his dream of finding a unified theory that could govern everything in the universe.

In his earthshaking theory of general relativity, published in 1916, Albert Einstein argued that the three dimensions of space and the single dimension of time are woven into an orderly, smooth fabric of "space-time," against which gravity asserts itself like someone on a trampoline.

This was a revolutionary way to express the behavior of big and heavy objects, such as stars and galaxies.

Then, in the 1920s, another



AMAZING: Physicist Brian Greene takes viewers on a mind-bending trip.

camp of physicists had a breakthrough they called quantum mechanics. This theory proved useful at the subatomic level, a realm it characterizes as jittery and unpredictable.

But, to put it mildly, the two theories were at odds. Wanted: An all-encompassing formula.

String theory, Greene says in the film, proposes that "everything in the universe, from the tiniest particle to the most distant star, is made from one kind of ingredient: unimaginably small, vibrating strands of energy called strings."

Turns out the subatomic billiard balls we learned about in school might be composed of even smaller animated pasta. "As they vibrate in a multitude of different ways, they are making not notes but all the constituents of nature."

A sort of "cosmic symphony," string theory can signal a major shift in thinking.

"Sometimes," grins Greene, now casting an eye at his meal, "I ask myself why am I vegan? My salad is just little strings vibrating in one particular way. If they were vibrating a different way, my lunch would be something else." **FRAZIER MOORE**

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I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING the Terri Schiavo story for weeks, and I feel that to keep this woman alive is inhumane and torture. For her parents to fight to keep her alive for 13 years, knowing that she will never again become the vibrant woman she once was is not only selfish but cruel. Now, on top of causing her husband severe emotional stress, they have dragged the government into this battle. Michael Schiavo is her husband, which means that once they were married her parents were no longer her guardians.

The government, federal or state, has no right to decide who lives and who doesn't.

—CHRISTA MCLAUGHLIN
Fort Washington, Md.

AFTER FIVE MONTHS of silence, Abe Pollin states that Michael Jordan had to go because there was no "healthy atmosphere to produce a happy organization or a winning team." Granted, Jordan did not produce a winning team, but he did produce 82 straight sellouts and a high level of excitement for every Wizards game.

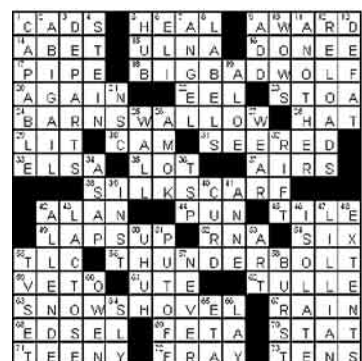
I anxiously await the upcoming NBA season to see how healthy Abe and his Wizards are.

—DOUG HUTTON
Arlington, Va.

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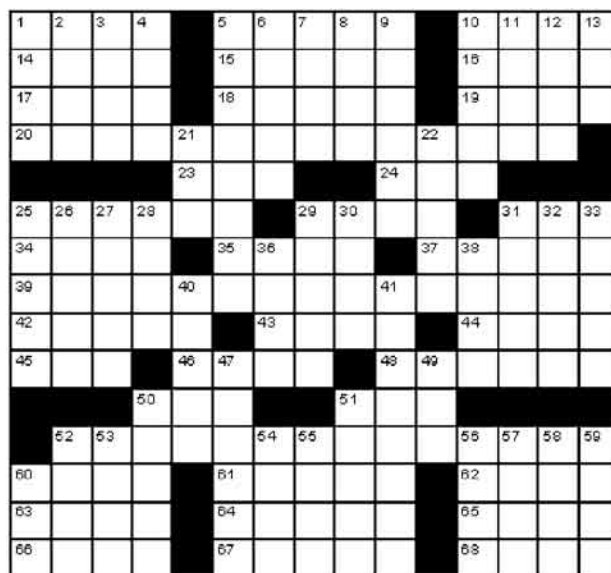
Yesterday's Solutions



Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Sutter's ____
- 5 Like an exclusive community
- 10 Dud
- 14 Rossini song
- 15 Make ____ of (jot down)
- 16 Modicum
- 17 Disinfectant's target
- 18 18 holes, generally
- 19 Business bigwig, or his attire
- 20 Start of a question
- 23 Ruby or Sandra
- 24 Go "waaaaah"
- 25 Kind of rod or ring
- 29 Mainframe fodder
- 31 Angular opening?
- 34 Clued in
- 35 "____ of Gilgamesh"
- 37 Easy to see or understand
- 39 Second part of the question
- 42 Analyze grammatically
- 43 Entwine
- 44 Exclusive
- 45 Disbelief
- 46 Lacerates
- 48 Mensa entrance requirement



- 50 Moral no-no
- 51 Meteor tail?
- 52 Last part of the question
- 60 Alpine bounceback
- 61 Actor Quinn
- 62 Word on a sale sign
- 63 Cookie bestseller
- 64 Agenda
- 65 Telegram "period"

- 66 Eye of ____ ("Macbeth" recipe item)
- 67 Bart's old man
- 68 Former Yugoslav chief
- DOWN**
- 1 Famous gift givers
- 2 Hot tempers
- 3 Euro predecessor
- 4 Pet of rhyme

- 5 Green-thumbed one
- 6 Terminal type
- 7 Rock group's agenda
- 8 Europe's highest volcano
- 9 Take away
- 10 Suspicious
- 11 LummoX
- 12 Mayberry tosspot

- 13 How some stand
- 21 Hubbub
- 22 Photo finish?
- 25 Term for dad
- 26 Groom's acquisition
- 27 It may be vacant
- 28 Stocking stuffers
- 29 Wines' partner
- 30 The best pair?
- 31 Lake near Carson City
- 32 Iranian currency
- 33 Corner map
- 36 Magnificent display
- 38 Found's partner
- 40 Ghostly
- 41 Bleach, for one
- 47 Preferred payment method
- 49 Math proof abbr.
- 50 "Go ahead and ask"
- 51 Hot under the collar
- 52 Farmland division
- 53 Get one's teeth into
- 54 Pot measure
- 55 Dutch cheese town
- 56 From pillar to ____
- 57 Naysayer
- 58 Vending-machine input
- 59 Proofreader's concern
- 60 Awfully long time

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Good fortune is nothing to be taken for granted, for it could prove a turncoat unexpectedly. Count your blessings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — How you treat those closest to you says a great deal about you. There are those who are really interested in knowing the real you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you need to start over to get your bearings and be back on track, do so — but don't wait too long. The competition is gaining.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may be wanting an apology. Make one or two timely promises and you'll certainly be taken more seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Surge to the front and become the leader of the pack — even though you may not want to be in the spotlight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Analyze your own priorities. Set anything straight that's out of order. Risks and hazards are few.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's important that you maintain a humorous outlook. Now is not the time to take anything — especially yourself — too seriously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be willing to give it your all. Nothing short of your best will be acceptable to you or others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's not going

to take you very long at all to get going. Inspiration is high. Make a quick start at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You must get tough with your own finances. Get to work and with a little self-discipline you can get yourself out of trouble.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't turn your back on someone who seems to offer little in the way of a threat. You may be surprised by the punch this novice packs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Environmental influences shouldn't be so strong that you are unable to do what you had planned. Still, some adjustments may have to be made.

TINA BROWN'S POST DEBUT

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

TINA BROWN has served as editor of Britain's Tatler magazine, The New Yorker and Vanity Fair. She launched Talk magazine in 1999. Her new column debuted in The Washington Post Style section Thursday.

I have always loved your magazines and now your column and show.

In what ways will you change your column for the Post, as opposed to writing it for the New York Times?

Thanks so much! It's a big thrill to be writing for the Post, a paper I have always admired.

I think it won't change much of what I have been writing about, except I keep in mind that I am now directing the observations at another great capital whose concerns are more intensely political than New York's. So I aim to bring the news and sensibility from the media capital rather than the political capital.

In retrospect, what would you have done differently with Talk to help its chances of success?

Started small and very unambitiously, preferably somewhere very far from New York. Someone once said, magazines are like mushrooms; they should grow in the dark. It's very difficult to do all your process work in the full glare of the world.

Do you think you'll ever edit another big consumer magazine? If so, what kind of magazine would you like to do?

I love print. It flows through my veins. But I don't see another mag out there that calls out to me, and I don't think I could bear the horrors of another start-up. I am enjoying my transition into television, hosting "Topic A" for CNBC.

Do you ever censor yourself before writing something snarky about a famous friend? In other words, is it possible to write a truly honest column about the New York elite without risking your membership in it?

There is always a way to make sharp observations that doesn't involve individual betrayals. I don't want to write a gossip column. More like commentary with some edge.

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LIZA WATCH

'Respect and Dignity'

LIZA MINNELLI has filed for divorce from estranged husband David Gest, a day after he filed a \$10 million lawsuit accusing her of beating him during alcoholic rages. Minnelli



moved to end her 16-month marriage shortly after issuing a statement denying Gest's allegations Wednesday.

"I hoped very much that the end of my marriage would be handled with mutual respect and dignity," Minnelli said. "Obviously these people should be divorced," commented Gest's lawyer, Raoul Felder. "This marriage is dead, no doubt about it." (AP)

YET MORE DIANA

When Paparazzi Attack

Three photographers will go on trial in Paris on Friday for shooting pictures at the scene of the 1997



car crash that killed **PRINCESS DIANA** and Dodi Fayed. The three were cleared last year of manslaughter charges in the crash and will now be tried on invasion of privacy charges only for pictures they took of Dodi Fayed. Diana's relatives and the British royal family are not plaintiffs. Photos taken at the site were confiscated; none were published. (AP)



Erin Darva

REALITY

A Fine Pair

They seem so different: One wanted to marry a multi-millionaire; the other's a multi-millionaire for choosing money over the man. Yet there is a strange inevitability about **DARVA CONGER** of "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" and **ERIN BRODIE** of "For Love or Money" sharing airtime on the Game Show Network's "Lingo," shot on Wednesday. (EXPRESS)



They'll complement the Tiffany candlesticks: Osbourne's breast replicas.

CHARITY STUNTS

Cancer Research Never Looked So Weird

Hand-painted molds of **SHARON OSBOURNE's** breasts were being auctioned online to benefit the Boarding for Breast Cancer Foundation, a nonprofit group co-founded by pro snowboarder Tina Basich. The molds were displayed during Tuesday's taping of "The Sharon Osbourne Show." Osbourne's colon cancer is in remission. (AP)

EX-WIVES

Where's Kim?

Eminem's ex-wife has gone AWOL from two court appearances, E! Online reports. **KIM MATHERS**, who divorced her husband after he wrote "Kim," a song about killing her, has twice failed to appear for an arraignment on charges of unlawfully possessing two bags of cocaine, found in her Escalade during a routine traffic stop in June. "She plans on being in court later this week, she's just been ill," said her lawyer. (EXPRESS)



Kim Mathers at her arrest in June.

TRADEMARKS

Gorby Air Freshener Is Out

Nevermind that plenty of noble, hard-working products could continue to benefit from the cachet of former Soviet leader **MIKHAIL GORBACHEV**. He registered his name and nickname (Gorby) as brand names to protect his image, reported Agence France-Presse. An aide cited in particular a vodka pro-

ducer that was using Gorbachev's visage on its bottles. His name or



image has also been used to sell construction materials and noodles. From now on, however, use is restricted to "honorable" products; judging by past gigs, that includes Apple computers and Pizza Hut pizza. (EXPRESS)

DAVID BLAINE WATCH

He May Eat Again, Soon!

Though illusionist **DAVID BLAINE** still suffered from cramps, his medical team hoped to start him on solid food Thursday. "Mr. Blaine is making a very satisfactory recovery," they said. Meanwhile, a man appeared in court for throwing pink paint at Blaine's box. (EXPRESS)

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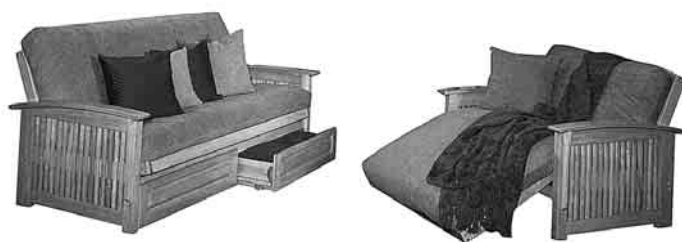
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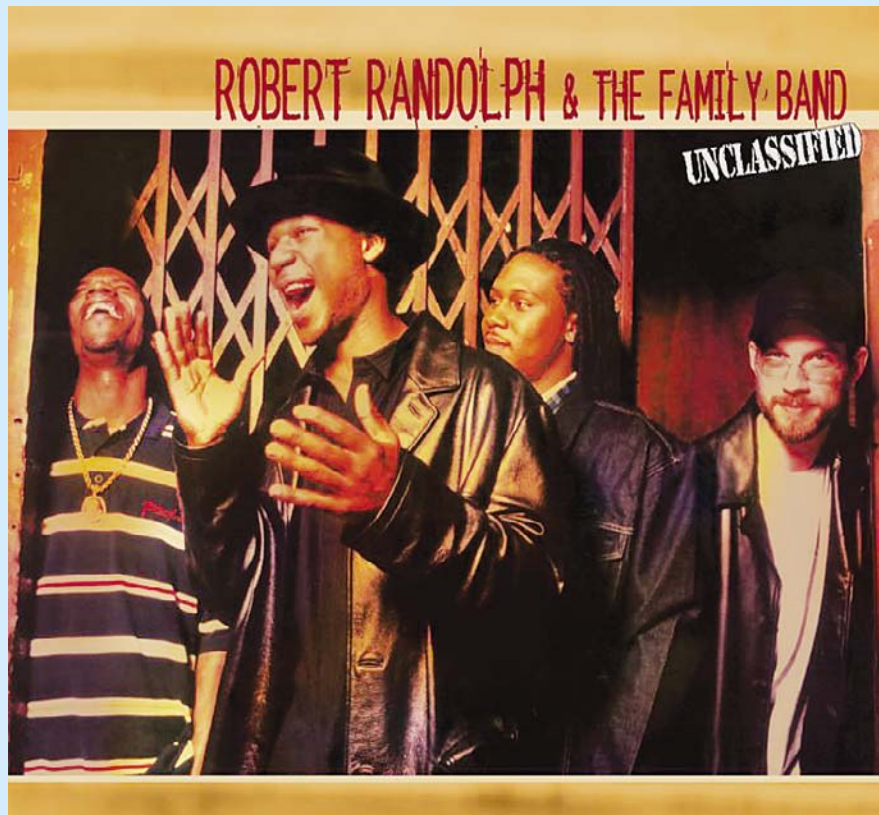


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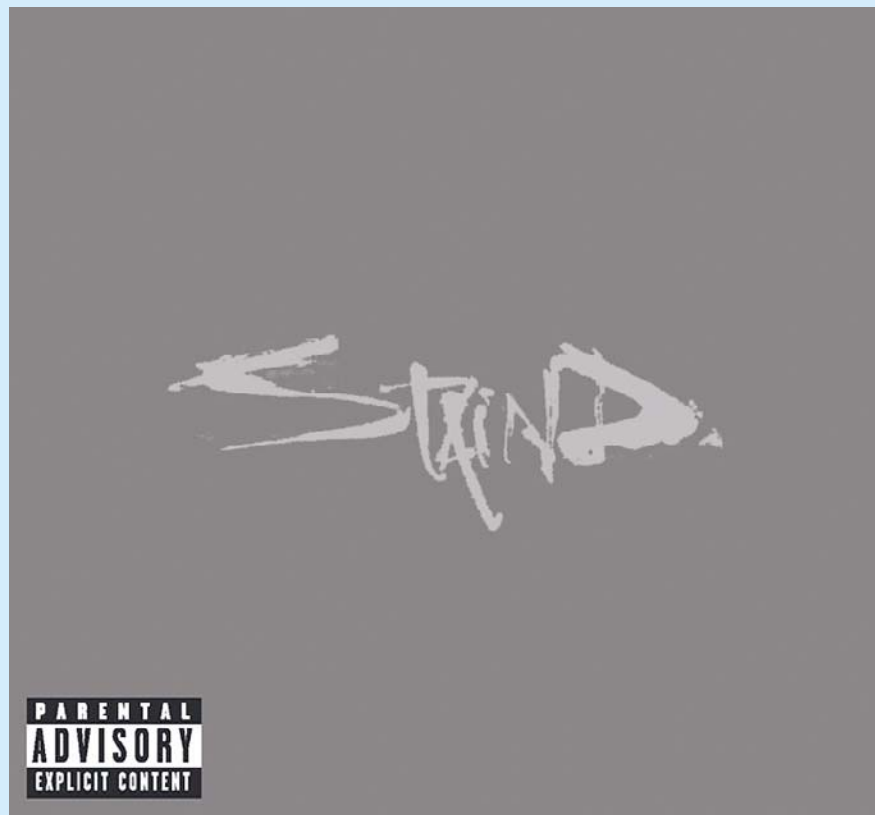
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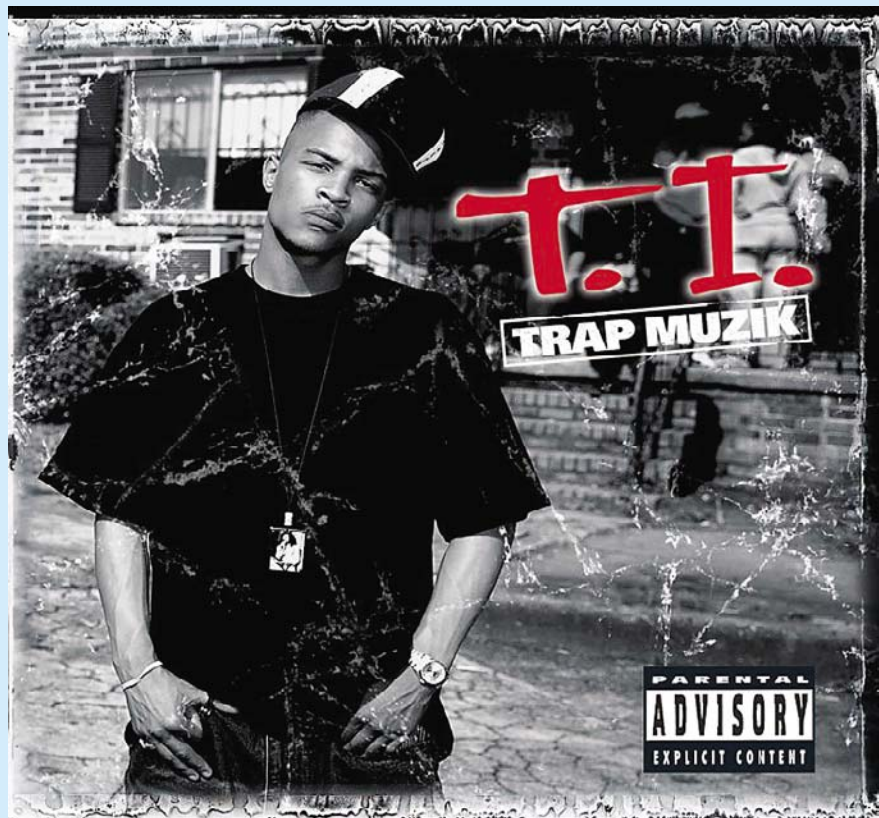
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